

REMARKS

Claims 37-46 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-36 were cancelled in a previous amendment.

Claims 39-41, 43, 44, 45, and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cukor *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,168,444) (“Cukor”) in view of Tom Reding, *Digital Imaging Technology: What, Where, and Why in Commercial Nuclear Power* (“Reding”), and Jacobs *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,696,898) (“Jacobs”) or Baker *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,696,898) (“Baker”) and Burks *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,644,778) (“Burks”).

In the Request for Continued Examination filed on June 29, 2005, the independent claims were amended to add the following limitations: Claim 44 was amended to include “means for storing images in a plurality of formats, wherein a first transaction data folder stores a first format of an image and a second transaction data folder stores a second format of the image;” claim 45 was amended to include “wherein the image is stored in at least one format in the transaction data folder;” and claim 46 was amended to include “transmitting the at least one image in a second format to a second regional processing center.”

The Examiner asserts that Burks teaches these limitations and therefore independent claims 44-46 are rejected. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Burks is directed to a system that receives medical claim data messages that arrive from different healthcare providers in various formats (col. 5, line 66 – col. 6, line 5). Because the incoming data is associated with data fields, data can be pulled from the messages and reorganized into data fields of a generic format (col. 9, lines 31-35). The records are then stored in a single database comprising of generic records. (col. 6, lines 15-

23). Prior to forwarding a particular medical record to an insurance company, the data can again be reorganized from its generic state into a specified format of data fields stipulated by the particular insurance company (col. 5, lines 48-65).

Contrary to the claimed invention, the system in Burks requires the incoming record to be a data message and not an image so that the data can be extracted from particular data fields and reorganized into a generic format. Neither Reding, Cukor, Jacobs, or Baker cure this or other deficiencies of Burks.

For at least the reason stated above, the cited references do not teach or suggest independent claims 44-46 of the present application. Therefore, the undersigned respectfully submits that independent claims 44-46 are allowable over the cited art. Further, dependent claims 39-41 and 43 are also allowable as they contain the limitations of the claims on which they depend. Therefore, the undersigned representative respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 39-41, 43, 44, 45, and 46 .

Claims 37 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cukor, Reding and Baker or Jacobs and Burks, as applied to Claim 46 above, and further in view of Wang *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,490,217) ("Wang")

Because Wang does not cure the deficiencies of Burks with respect to independent claim 46 addressed above, the undersigned representative respectfully submits that dependent claims 37 and 42 are also allowable as they contain the limitations of claim 46. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 37 and 42.

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Claim 38 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cukor and Reding, and Baker or Jacobs and Burks, as applied to Claim 46 above, and further in view of Joe Dysart, *A Shortcut in the Paper Chase* ("Dysart").

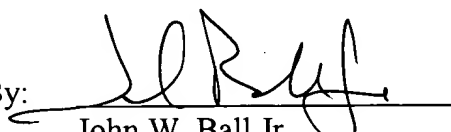
Because Dysart does not cure the deficiencies of Burks with respect to independent claim 46 addressed above, the undersigned representative respectfully submits that dependent claim 38 is also allowable as it contains the limitations of claim 46. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 38.

CONCLUSION

Claims 37-46 are pending in the application. It is respectfully submitted that the prior art, alone and in combination, do not show or suggest the features of claims 37-46. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below. No further fees are believed due, however, if there are any fees due, please charge to deposit account No. 501458.

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